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In the National Intelligencer of the 25th instant Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by patent the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens presecution to all parties infringing his patent. I ask how this statement comports with the fact of my patent of December, 1851, and how far the threat can intimidate under such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a moyable perforated diaphraym, and was

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tus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the exclusive right of making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make In respect to the internal administration of the Government, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic in ternal policy—that this Government will best an extended investigation to answer your re quest.
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